# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

To Sell Property(ies) to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Taunton Trial Court Complex

**April 12, 2006** 

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: July 14, 2006 at 3:00 P.M. (EST)

# PROJECT MANAGER/CONTACT PERSON:

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#### **SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1998 and Chapter 290 of the Acts of 2004 ("the Legislation") provides for the improvement of court facilities in the Commonwealth. The Legislation authorizes the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("the Commonwealth"), acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management ("Asset Management"), on behalf of the Trial Court of Massachusetts, to acquire property(ies) for a new Trial Court Complex (the "Trial Court Complex") in Taunton, Massachusetts.

Asset Management invites proposals to sell property(ies) to the Commonwealth to accommodate the construction of the new Trial Court Complex in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Legislation and this Request for Proposals (RFP).

The Commonwealth is soliciting proposals from landowners for property(ies) in the City of Taunton in an area located within the following boundaries in Taunton, Massachusetts: bounded on the southwest by Court Street, on the southeast by Taunton Green, on the northeast by Broadway, on the northeast by Pleasant Street, along the northwest boundary of the former Taunton Armory facility, along the northwest boundary of the Boys and Girls Club of Taunton, to Court Street. The Commonwealth is seeking proposals for acquisition of property(ies) within said boundaries for the purpose of assembling the site for the development of the Trial Court Complex.

Asset Management will consider purchasing vacant lots, as well as parcels on which buildings or other improvements are located.

In the selection process, provided that Asset Management determines it is not prejudicial to the interests of the Commonwealth or fair competition to do so, Asset Management reserves the right to take any or all of the following actions, if deemed by Asset Management to be in the Commonwealth's interest: (a) to reject any and all proposals; (b) to waive any minor informalities in proposals or request proposers to correct them; (c) to request additional information from proposers, allow modification of proposals; and/or (d) to negotiate with proposers.

### **SECTION 2: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

# 2.1 <u>Submission Deadline</u>

Five complete copies of each proposal with all attachments, must be **received** by Asset Management on or before the **SUBMISSION DEADLINE of July 14, 2006 at 3:00 P.M. (EST)** as determined by Asset Management's date/time stamp. All envelopes shall be labeled "Taunton Trial Court Complex Site Acquisition Proposal" and mailed or hand-delivered to the following address:

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Attention: Elayne Campos, Project Manager One Ashburton Place, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02108

PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY ASSET MANAGEMENT LATER THAN THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE WILL BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND WILL BE REJECTED. Proposals will be date/time-stamped by Asset Management as they are received, and Asset Management's date/time stamp will be controlling. If delivered late in person, delivery will be refused; if delivered late by mail, each such late proposal will be returned to its respective sender. TELECOPIED OR FAXED PROPOSALS WILL BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND WILL BE REJECTED, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE RECEIVED.

Asset Management will not accept any information or materials submitted after the Submission Deadline unless said information or materials are provided in response to Asset Management's written request for such information or materials.

These requirements will be strictly enforced. Proposers are cautioned to hand deliver their proposals to or to allow sufficient time for their proposals to be received by mail or other delivery service. For individuals hand delivering proposals, note that all individuals must clear security in the building.

Proposals shall be unconditional. Prior to the Submission Deadline, proposers may correct or modify a proposal by written notice to Asset Management at the address specified above. After the opening of proposals, a proposer may not correct or modify the price or any other provisions of its proposal in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Commonwealth or fair competition as determined by Asset Management; provided that after the Submission Deadline, Asset Management may (but is not required to) request that all proposers submit a best and final offer by a deadline specified by Asset Management.

### 2.2 RFP Requirements/Communications

It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ascertain the existence of any addenda and/or modifications disseminated by Asset Management, whether or not the same are mailed to, or received by, proposer. As this RFP has been distributed electronically using the Comm-PASS system, copies of addenda and/or modifications will be published on Comm-PASS. All proposers are responsible for checking Comm-PASS for any addenda and/or modifications that are subsequently made to this RFP or attachments.

The Commonwealth and its subdivisions accept no liability for and will provide no accommodations to proposers who fail to check for amendments or modifications to this RFP and subsequently submit inadequate or incorrect responses. Proposers may not alter (manually or electronically) the RFP language or any RFP component files. Modifications to the body of the RFP, specifications, terms and conditions, or which change the intent of this RFP are prohibited and may disqualify a response.

Proposers are prohibited from communicating directly with any employee of Asset Management, except as specified in this RFP, and no other individual Commonwealth employee or representative is authorized to provide any information or respond to any question or inquiry concerning this RFP. Proposers may contact the Contact Person for this RFP in the event this RFP is incomplete or the proposer is having trouble obtaining any part of the RFP electronically through Comm-PASS, including, without limitation, the form and attachments. Proposers with disabilities or hardships that seek reasonable accommodation, which may include the receipt of RFP information and/or addenda and/or modifications in an alternative format, must communicate such requests in writing to the Contact Person, and reasonable accommodation will be made by agreement with the Contact Person on behalf of Asset Management.

Additional copies of this RFP may be obtained from the Contact Person by mail, telephone or e-mail. All questions or inquiries regarding the RFP shall be made in writing and sent by regular mail, e-mail or faxed (617) 727-6060 to the Contact Person no later than June 16, 2006 at 5:00pm – NO EXCEPTIONS. All responses to questions or inquiries regarding the RFP will be posted on Comm-PASS after June 16, 2006 at 5:00pm. DCAM reserves the right not to answer any and all questions regarding the RFP.

### 2.3 Eligible Proposers/Authorization

Proposals will only be considered if they are submitted by (a) the owner of the property(ies); (b) the owner's legally authorized agent or representative; or (c) a party with a fully executed purchase and sale agreement to timely acquire the proposed property(ies).

Under no circumstances shall Asset Management or any other agency of the Commonwealth be liable for the payment of brokerage commissions, other fees and the like. All brokerage commissions, other fees and the like shall be paid by the seller of the property(ies).

# 2.4 Submission Requirements

To be eligible for consideration, proposers must comply with all of the following documentation, except as otherwise specifically noted. **PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PROPERTY OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE COMMONWEALTH.** 

## • Authorization to Submit Proposal

If the proposer is not the owner of the property(ies), the proposal must include written evidence of the proposer's authority to submit the proposal in the form of legally binding documentation such as: (1) a copy of a letter or other writing from the owner of the property(ies), authorizing the agent or representative (as the case may be) to act on the owner's behalf, or (2) a copy of a fully executed purchase and sale agreement demonstrating the proposer's right and ability to purchase the property(ies) and to convey it/them in a timely manner to the Commonwealth.

#### • Site Plan

The proposal must include a reference to the Tax Assessor's Map and parcel number of the proposed property(ies). Proposers are required to include a copy of the Tax Assessors map showing the location of the property(ies). If a site plan or survey exists of the property(ies), please submit a copy, although a site plan or survey is not a required component of the proposal.

#### Deed

Proposers are required to include a copy of the deed(s) into the current owner of the property(ies) or a recording reference for title to the property(ies).

### • Certificate of Tax Compliance

By submitting a proposal, the proposer represents that the owner or the seller at the closing of the sale of the property(ies) to the Commonwealth will complete, as applicable, either the individual or corporate Certificate of Tax Compliance Form attached as Attachment A and Attachment B to this RFP demonstrating payment of all taxes.

#### • Other Relevant Information

To the extent in the possession of, or available to, the proposer, the proposer shall submit documents pertaining to the condition of the property(ies) and the character and condition of any buildings or improvements on the property(ies). By submitting a proposal, the proposer represents that neither the proposer nor the owner of the property(ies) has any knowledge of any relevant information about the condition or history of use of the proposed property(ies), other than what is attached to, or referenced in, the proposal.

#### Disclosure Statement of Beneficial Interest

See form of Disclosure Statement of Beneficial Interest, as required by MGL, Chapter 7, Section 40J attached as Attachment C to this RFP. By submitting a proposal, the proposer confirms that the proposer and the owner of the property(ies) (if different) will complete, sign and submit this form at the closing of the sale of the property(ies) to the Commonwealth.

# • Asset Management Proposal Form

Proposals must include a completed Proposal Form for each property offered for sale to the Commonwealth, in response to this RFP. (Proposal Form is Section 3 of this RFP.)

# SECTION 3: ASSET MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL FORM FOR TAUNTON TRIAL COURT COMPLEX SITE ACQUISITION PROPOSAL

The undersigned hereby submits the attached proposal for the sale of property to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for property(ies) in the City of Taunton for the proposed Taunton Trial Court Complex.

# PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PROPERTY OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE COMMONWEALTH.

Proposer's Name:	
Owner's Name (if dif	ferent from proposer):
Owner Entity and St	ate of Incorporation:
Proposer's Contact I	Person:
Proposer's Contact I	Person's Address:
Proposer's Contact I	Person's Telephone:
Proposer's Contact	Person's E-Mail:
Proposer's Contact I	Person's Fax Number:
Parcel Location:	Street Address or Location of Property:
Proposed Purchase I	<u>Price</u> :
Parcel Size: (parcel	size may be approximate)

# **SECTION 3 (continued)**

Tax Assessor's Identifying Numbe	Square Footage <u>of Tax Parcel</u>
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Eligible Proposer:	
(check one):	Owner
	Owner-authorized Agent or Representative
	Purchaser of property under signed purchase and sale
	agreementOther (specify and attach document signed by owner
	evidencing authority to propose):
NOTE:	
	representative must attach letter or other written evidence signed wher of authority to submit this proposal.
_	r with purchase and sale agreement to purchase proposed (ies) must attach copy of fully executed purchase and sale agreement.
	s or other occupants on the property? If yes, on what date can e property free of all tenants and occupants? Please explain:
Land Uses of Adjoi	ning Dancels:
	orth side of proposer's parcel:Institutional Commercial
Residential	Industrial Vacant Other
Land use on Ea	ast side of proposer's parcel:Institutional Commercial
Residential	Industrial Vacant Other
Land use on So	outh side of proposer's parcel:Institutional Commercial
·	Industrial Vacant Other
	<u>'est side of proposer's parcel</u> :Institutional Commercial
Residential	Industrial Vacant Other

# **SECTION 3 (continued)**

# **Site Conditions**:

Such information should include, without limitation, a history of the site and its uses, site assessments, environmental and/or engineering and/or structural studies, reports, test results and other such information prepared for, or in the possession of, the proposer or owner of the property(ies).

Soil Testing:
To the best knowledge of proposer and/or owner, as applicable, have any tests, surveys, or other investigations been conducted on the property that would indicate the type of soil and subsurface conditions that exist: Yes No (If yes, please list below and attach copies of all reports, surveys, tests and any other relevant information). Attach additional sheets, if necessary.
Environmental Conditions:
To the best knowledge of proposer and/or owner, as applicable, describe any past or present use, or the existence, of oil or hazardous materials on the property including the location of asbestos, if any. Please list below and attach copies of all site assessments, reports, test results, and other information relating to the environmental condition of the property. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

# **SECTION 3 (continued)**

	t (i) the undersigned is the owner of the proposed cuted purchase and sale agreement to purchase the
The undersigned hereby certifies the	(i) the undersigned is the expert of the proposed
	isting buildings and improvements on the property, if ogical sites on the property, to the extent known. Attach
Site Improvements:	
	wetlands on the property, if any. Please list below and ports, test results, wetland surveys, and other information of the property. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

#### **SECTION 4: SITE EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Evaluation of proposals will be based upon information provided in the proposals, obtained on site visits and from other generally available and verifiable information. Asset Management reserves the right to request clarification of proposal terms or information after the Submission Deadline. Asset Management will evaluate proposals and select property(ies) based upon the following criteria:

# • <u>Suitability of Proposed Property(ies)</u> as part of the site of the Trial Court Complex

Asset Management will consider the suitability and feasibility of the proposed property(ies), as assembled with other parcels, for the construction and operation of the Trial Court Complex, including without limitation, factors relating to site access for vehicles and pedestrians; availability and proximity to public transportation and parking; environmental wetlands, grading, drainage, soils conditions and other conditions of the property(ies); security of the Trial Court Complex and surrounding area; availability and proximity to, and adequacy of, public utilities; compatibility with existing land uses on surrounding parcels; the existence and characteristics of buildings and other improvements on the property(ies), and whether they would have to be demolished or would be used in the project; cost of development for the intended use; the need for revitalization and renewal of the area and where such revitalization and renewal are deemed important by the municipality; the existence of tenants or occupants of the property(ies); the relative ease or difficulty of permitting the project at the proposed property(ies).

#### • Location

The Commonwealth is seeking property(ies) as detailed in Section 1, Page 3 of this RFP to become part of a site assemblage for the Trial Court Complex located in Taunton, Massachusetts.

#### • <u>Cost</u>

Asset Management will consider the proposed purchase price for the property(ies) as one of the selection criteria although Asset Management will take into account all other relevant criteria in deciding which property(ies) to select.

#### **SECTION 5: EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

Asset Management may conduct site visits of properties offered for sale to the Commonwealth pursuant to this RFP. The proposer agrees to provide access to Asset Management and its consultants, contractors, agents and representatives to the entire property(ies) during the site visit(s) and to have someone present with knowledge of site

conditions to answer questions. Information obtained from site visits will be considered by Asset Management in the selection process.

Proposals will be evaluated by Asset Management in accordance with the Legislation and the site evaluation criteria set forth in Section 4. Selection of a proposal by Asset Management for negotiation of a Purchase and Sale Agreement shall not constitute an offer to purchase the property(ies) or an acceptance of the terms of the proposal. Only a fully executed Purchase and Sale Agreement (which may contain conditions and contingencies imposed by the Commonwealth) shall bind the Commonwealth to purchase the property(ies).

### **SECTION 6**: **TRANSACTION TERMS**

# 6.1 Purchase and Sale Agreement

A Purchase and Sale Agreement for each of the property(ies) will include, without limitation, the following terms:

- No down payment will be made upon execution of the Purchase and Sale Agreement. The entire purchase price, subject to customary and usual adjustments, will be paid by the Commonwealth at closing.
- On reasonable notice, Asset Management and its consultants will be granted
  access to the property(ies) to conduct surveys, soil tests and environmental
  investigations, examine existing structures, etc. By submitting a proposal, the
  proposer grants access to Asset Management and its consultants, contractors,
  agents and representatives to the proposed property for such inspections and
  investigations.
- The property will be delivered vacant and free of all tenants, occupants and personal property.
- The owner of the property shall deliver a good and sufficient quitclaim deed of the property running to "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, on behalf of the Administrative Office of the Trial Court," which deed shall convey good, clear record and marketable title to the property, subject only to those easements, restrictions and encumbrances which are acceptable to the Commonwealth and do not interfere with the use of the property for Trial Court Complex purposes.
- If the land is registered, the quitclaim deed must be in form sufficient to entitle the Commonwealth to an Owner's Certificate of Title, and the property owner shall deliver at closing all documents necessary to enable the Commonwealth to obtain a Certificate of Title and to satisfy all Land Court and registration requirements.

- The physical and environmental condition of the property and the improvements therein shall be entirely acceptable to the Commonwealth, in Asset Management's discretion, or the Commonwealth shall not be obligated to purchase the property.
- The owner of the property shall provide sufficient authority documentation, in recordable form, including ,without limitation, as applicable, legal existence and good standing certificates from the Secretary of State, complete incumbency certificates and trustee's certificates, valid, current vote(s)/resolution(s), direction of partners, members or beneficiaries, and any other documentation reasonably required by Asset Management.
- Asset Management shall have no obligation to purchase the property(ies), and the Purchase and Sale Agreement will become null and void if, by way of example, and not limitation, (a) Asset Management determines at any time prior to closing that the property(ies) is not suitable in Asset Management's discretion to feasibly construct and operate on the property(ies) the Trial Court Complex planned by the Commonwealth; (b) information contained in the proposal proves to be inaccurate; (c) it becomes unlawful for either party to perform; (d) Asset Management fails to obtain the governmental approvals or authorizations necessary to construct the facility; or (e) any other conditions determined by Asset Management in its sole discretion.

# 6.2 <u>Disclosures</u>

Upon execution of the Purchase and Sale Agreement by the owner of the property and at closing, owner of the property shall provide Asset Management with a sworn tax statement on the form attached to this RFP as Attachment A or Attachment B to this RFP, as applicable, and Beneficial Interest Disclosure Statement on the form attached as Attachment C to this RFP.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

# **ATTACHMENT A**

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS $\underline{INDIVIDUAL}$ CERTIFICATE OF TAX COMPLIANCE

•	of G.L. c. 62C, s. 49A, the undersigned does hereby
state the following:	
	, certify that I have filed all state tax uired under law, and have no outstanding obligation Department of Revenue.
Signed under the penalties of perjur	y:
Date	Signature
Social Security Number	Typed or Printed Name
COMMONV	VEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
	, 2006, before me, the
	ly appeared, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of
	to be the person whose name is signed on the
	d acknowledged to me that he/she signed it
voluntarily for its stated purpose.	
	NAME:
	Notary Public
	My commission expires:

# **ATTACHMENT B**

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS <u>CORPORATE</u> CERTIFICATE OF TAX COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to the requirements of state the following:	G.L. c. 62C, s. 49A, the undersigned does hereby
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whose principal place of business is loc	rated at
named firm has complied with all laws to taxes and has no outstanding obligati	of,  ated at do hereby certify that the above of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating ton to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.
Signed under the penalties of perjury:	
Federal Identification Number	Name of Corporation/ Unincorporated Association
Date	Signature of President
Date	Signature of Treasurer
COMMONWE	ALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
On this day of undersigned notary public, personally a	, 2006, before me, the ppeared
	, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of
preceding or attached document, and ac	be the person whose name is signed on the eknowledged to me that he/she signed it as, a
corporation, voluntarily for its stated pu	irpose.
	NAME: Notary Public
	My commission expires:

### **ATTACHMENT C**

# Beneficial Interest Disclosure Statement ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

For sale of Real Property to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the undersigned does hereby state, for the purposes of disclosure pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7, Section 40J (a copy of which is attached hereto), of a transaction relating to real property as follows:

			arcel of land, containing approximately	
The C	ommonwealth	i of Massachusett	onwealth of Massachusetts, conveyed or to be contests, acting by and through its Division of Capital actendate of the Administrative Office of the Trial Contests	Asset
<b>(2</b> )	TERM:	Sale		
(3)	SELLER:			
( <b>4</b> )		_	persons who have or will have a direct or indirect ach additional sheets if necessary).	beneficial
	NAM	<u>1E</u>	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	
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except	gement and M t as listed belo	aintenance or an	ed persons is an employee of the Division of Capin official elected to public office in the Commonv	
Signe	i under the per	names of perjury	y.	
DATE	<u> </u>		By: NAME:	
			TITLE: Hereunto Duly Authorized	

## Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 7, Section 40J

No agreement to rent or to sell real property to or to rent or purchase real property from a public agency, and no renewal or extension of such agreement, shall be valid and no payment shall be made to the lessor or seller of such property unless a statement, signed, under the penalties of perjury, has been filed by the lessor, lessee, seller or purchaser, and in the case of a corporation by a duly authorized officer thereof giving the true names and addresses of all persons who have or will have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in said property with the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any stockholder of a corporation the stock of which is listed for sale to the general public with the securities and exchange commission, if such stockholder holds less than ten per cent of the outstanding stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting of such corporation. In the case of an agreement to rent property from a public agency where the lessee's interest is held by the organization of unit owners of a leasehold condominium created under chapter one hundred and eighty-three A, and time-shares are created in the leasehold condominium under chapter one hundred and eighty-three B, the provisions of this section shall not apply to an owner of a time-share in the leasehold condominium who (i) acquires the time-share on or after a bona fide arms length transfer of such time-share made after the rental agreement with the public agency is executed and (ii) who holds less than three percent of the votes entitled to vote at the annual meeting of such organization of unit owners.

A disclosure statement shall also be made in writing, under penalty of perjury, during the term of a rental agreement in case of any change of interest in such property, as provided for above, within thirty days of such change.

Any official elected to public office in the commonwealth, or any employee of the division of capital asset management and maintenance disclosing beneficial interest in real property pursuant to this section, shall identify his position as part of the disclosure statement. The commissioner shall notify the state ethics commission of such names, and shall make copies of any and all disclosure statements received available to the state ethics commission upon request.

The commissioner shall keep a copy of each disclosure statement received available for public inspection during regular business hours.